Title: Need to set up an Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management in Nagpur.

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (NAGPUR): Sir, a proposal to set up an Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management in Nagpur on the similar lines as that of Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, Gwalior, an apex autonomous Institute set up by the Ministry of Human Resource Development aiming to synergise Information and Technology.

This Institute is fully funded by the Central Government (Budget of Rs. 61 crores for the first five years).

In view of importance of this Institute, the Government of India was approached and requested to set up an Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management in Nagpur also. Nagpur is the centrally located and most suitable place which is a geographical capital of the country, second capital of Maharashtra and second greenest city. Nagpur covers 214 sq. kms. of area and has reasonably good urban infrastructure, housing, medical, education and recreation facilities and the Government of Maharashtra has recently decided to develop Nagpur city as a `Infotech City'.

The Government of Maharashtra is going to provide all necessary infrastructure to create required atmosphere for the Information and Technology. The Government of Maharashtra has taken the initiative to make Nagpur Airport as an International Airport and develop it as Multi Model Logistic Hub. Nagpur is having natural, ideal, central location, good climate, ample and cheap space, peaceful and secured atmosphere, good ancillary infrastructure, road and rail connections and good atmosphere for many educational institutions.

I, therefore, urge the Government to examine the proposal at the earliest and take a favourable decision in this regard.

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